



## *A Clean Environment is Important To All of Us!*

*In the City of Carlsbad, storm drains flow directly into local creeks, lagoons and the ocean without treatment. Storm water*

*pollution can cause human and environmental health problems.*

*Storm water pollution comes from a variety of sources including oil, fuel, and fluids, from vehicles and heavy equipment, pesticide runoff from landscaping, and from materials such as concrete, mortar and soil from construction activities.*

*The City of Carlsbad is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants that enter our precious waterways.*



# Storm Water Protection Program



## Home Improvement

Many of the materials that we use during our home improvement projects have the potential to pollute storm water, if not disposed of properly. Materials such as paint, wood chips, sawdust, dirt, dry wall, concrete, mortar, and other construction materials can contaminate our waterways if washed down the storm drain. Best Management Practices or BMPs are procedures that help to prevent pollutants from entering our storm drains. Each of us can do our part to keep storm water clean. Using BMPs adds up to a pollution solution!



### DIRT!

It is **illegal** to pile dirt or other materials on streets, driveways, and sidewalks where it could run off into the storm drain. If you must temporarily remove soil and dirt, make sure it is contained by a berm and covered with a tarp. If you are permanently removing dirt, you should locate your nearest disposal area or contact a commercial business to handle your disposal needs.



### PAINT

Paint brushes, pans, sprayers, and other equipment should **never** be rinsed out in the street or any area that might flow to the street. Water based paints can be rinsed into sinks that are connected to sanitary sewers. Oil based paints and solvents can only be disposed of at a designated hazardous waste collection site, such as the Household Hazardous Waste Center of Carlsbad (760-639-6118).



### BUILDING MATERIALS

When using water to clean or mix building materials make sure runoff does not end up in the storm drain. Materials such as concrete, mortar, pipes, dry wall, bricks, tar paper, asphalt, wood, stucco, mud and other construction materials can not be thrown or placed in or near the street or sidewalk. Never wash excess materials from construction into a street or storm drain. Sweep up and dispose of small amounts of excess materials in the trash. Materials weighing over 50 pounds will need to be hauled away and disposed of properly.



### SPILLS

If an accidental spill occurs immediately use rags, a mop, or an absorbent and containment materials to prevent liquids containing building materials and hazardous waste from entering the storm drain. For dry spills, sweep up the area and dispose of waste properly. **Never use a water hose to clean up a spill.**



**For information about properly disposing of and/or recycling dirt, concrete, paint, drywall, and other materials call 1-800-CLEAN-UP or visit [www.1800CLEANUP.org](http://www.1800CLEANUP.org)**

**For more information or to report an illegal discharge, please call 760-602-2799**